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TOPIC

Cheb-Horni Schoen Airfield

EVALUATION

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DATE OF CONTENT November 1950 to October 1952

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DATE PREPARED 17 December 1952

REFERENCES

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PAGES

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

2 - one sketch on ditto and
one manpower questionnaire

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1. The airfield located southeast of Hor. Schoen near Cheb (Eger) (N 51/P 37) was observed between November 1950 and August 1952 at the field itself and from an observation tower, about four kilometers from the field. In 1950 and 1951, the airfield was occasionally used by the PS battalion as training grounds. The partially damaged airfield had two concreted areas arranged at an angle of 90 degrees. At the east-west strip, there were several destroyed stone buildings which, partially repaired and provided with doors, were allegedly used to store aircraft or spare parts of the Aero Club. In 1952, the field was off limits to the members of the Cheb Aero Club. In the fall of 1951, repair to the concreted areas from bombing damages was begun. The concreted areas were reconditioned by 1952. A long brick building at the northern side of the concreted area was also repaired during the fall of 1951. In August 1952, civilian construction laborers were still working at the field. The north-south concrete strip, a runway, in the eastern portion of the field was about 1,500 meters long and 60 to 70 meters wide. It was undamaged and had covered drainage ditches at either side. In 1951, a small brick building, 10 x 12 meters, which had a wooden roof with red and white stripes, was completed west of the runway. A wooden mast with a wind cone was seen near this building. In late 1951, a big car with red and white squares, similar to a moving van, arrived at the field.²
2. In about early May 1952, two jet aircraft, apparently flown by Czech pilots, landed at the field and were parked on the southern part of the runway. They were about seven meters long and had straight wings. Numbers or letters were painted on the underside of the wings. Czech national emblems were seen on the rudder assembly only.³ These aircraft were frequently observed flying along the border. A P.S. officer stated that they were providing air protection and that the pilots of these planes belonged [redacted] "for interior service" in Prag. An air force lieutenant was seen in Cheb during the summer of 1952. The airfield was apparently guarded by soldiers wearing blue uniforms who were billeted there. During the summer of 1952, it was observed three times that a large twin-engine conventional aircraft landed at the field and remained there for a short period.⁴

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3. In October 1952, it was observed that two jet aircraft were flying four to six times a day over the border area west of Cheb. Czech emblems were clearly identified on those aircraft. It was noticed that the jet aircraft were generally flying when reconnaissance airplanes of the US Constabulary were flying over the German border area. Starting several weeks ago, Ilo-109 type aircraft were also observed flying in elements of two over the Czech border area.⁵

1. ☐ Comment. The 86 Battalion is a unit of the border guard.

2. ☐ Comment. For layout sketch of airfield, see Annex 1. There are two airfields located at the eastern outskirts of Cheb. The reported field, a former factory airfield of the Junkel firm, is the one located to the south. The information received corresponds with previous reports which, however, did not indicate which of the two fields was concerned.

3. ☐ Comment. The information on the jet aircraft and a sketch which was not forwarded indicate the possibility that Ilo-9, Iak-15 or L-28 aircraft might be concerned. Further information is required to identify the type of aircraft. Czech national emblems were repeatedly observed and also jet propelled border guard aircraft. It is believed that border control involves Czech Air Police (SMB) units, at least in the Cheb area. This assumption is supported by the repeated observation of Czech Air Force soldiers in blue uniforms at Cheb Aer. Schoen airfield.

4. ☐ Comment.

5. ☐ Comment. The information confirms the Czech national emblem on the jet aircraft. The observation of two jet aircraft corresponds with the occupation of the field reported in paragraph 2 above.

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Legend.

1. Chob railroad station.
2. Concreted area.
3. Runway.
4. Factory for farming machines.
5. Destroyed guard house.
6. Concreted road.
7. Small building, probably of the Merc Club.
8. Ruins, probably of a banger.
- 8.a. Reconditioned, three-story portion of building.
9. Rubble. **1**
10. Earth walls.
11. Red and white painted van.
12. Low single story building, 10 x 12 m.
13. Spur track, was being dismantled.
14. Border poles, 1 m high.
15. Drainage ditches.

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1. Comment. Item 9a is unidentified, possibly a reconditioned portion of a building.

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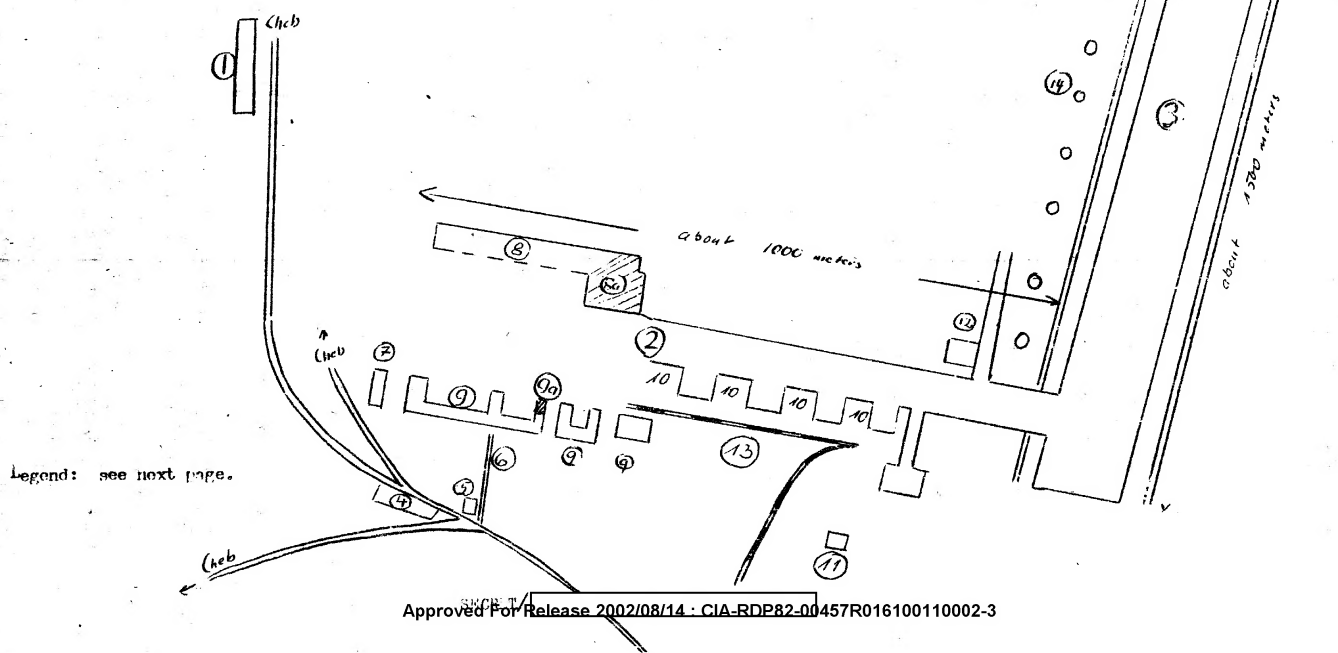
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Hor. Schoen Airfield near Cheb

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